

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

**SUMMARY**

**“DIRECT STATE SERVICES”**

**“DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE”**

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24      The \$300,000 increase in the appropriation for Future Farmers Youth Development is reduced to \$150,000. An increase of \$150,000 meets the needs of this program.

**“DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE”**

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26      Language is deleted in order to provide additional flexibility in supporting costs associated with fraud prosecution services

**“DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT”**

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28      Language that requires the Commissioner of Commerce and Economic Development to submit an annual report of the Office of Sustainability’s loan and grant activity is deleted. The Administration is prepared to cooperate with the Legislature in providing information on the Office of Sustainability’s loan and grant activity.

29      Language that requires the submission of the enterprise zone fiscal impact study to the legislature before UEZ administrative funds can be released to the department is deleted. A study is nearly complete and will be submitted to the legislature for its review upon completion.

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36      The appropriation of \$235,000 for farm equipment at Bayside State Prison is deleted since the facility is already adequately budgeted for equipment.

37      Language prohibiting the expenditure of funds appropriated for Southern State Correctional Facility if the facility is converted to a minimum security facility is deleted. The Commissioner of Corrections is responsible for determining the classification of the Department’s institutions.

**“DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION”**

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45      The appropriation for Fire Fighting Costs is reduced by \$1,000,000. An appropriation of \$1,525,000, representing an increase of \$500,000 over last year’s appropriation level, is anticipated to be sufficient to meet program requirements.

45      The appropriations of \$13,000 for a Brush Chipper at High Point State Park and \$16,000 for a Forest Fire Attack Trailer are deleted. Funds for equipment needs are adequately provided in the Additions, Improvements and Equipment category for Parks Management. In addition, the Department of Transportation (DOT) owns 21 wood chippers, eight of which are in the northern New Jersey region. The Department of Environmental Protection and DOT may arrange to share this equipment.

45      The additional appropriation of \$2,000,000 for Park Staff is changed to \$1,500,000. These additional funds will address existing needs.

45      The appropriation of \$5,000,000 for Site Restoration and Maintenance is reduced by \$4,500,000. An appropriation of an additional \$500,000 will be sufficient to address the existing deferred maintenance needs of the Parks system.

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47      Language that stipulates that the balance of funds in the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Fund be returned to the generators of low-level radioactive waste is eliminated. Although the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility Siting Board has suspended the siting process, the need to adequately dispose of this waste still exists. Proposals to secure future disposal space at authorized out-of-state facilities with these funds are being explored. The mandate to return these funds at this time is premature.

“DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES”

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57      The Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services and Health and Senior Services will enter into a memorandum of understanding and identify which department can best handle the Traumatic Brain Injury program.

57      Language establishing a Charity Care Advisory Group is eliminated. The language is not necessary since the legislature recently passed legislation which identifies a permanent source of funding for Charity Care. Existing statutes and regulations on the distribution of Charity Care and Hospital Relief funding are fair and equitable.

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60      The Commissioners of the Departments of Human Services and Health and Senior Services will enter into a memorandum of understanding and identify which department can best handle the Traumatic Brain Injury program.

68      Language restricting the executive branch from implementing privatization initiatives is deleted. The Executive Branch will review privatization initiatives and, where cost effective, will consider the implementation of such initiatives.

“DEPARTMENT OF LABOR”

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72      Language requiring the Commissioner of Labor to provide a report to the Joint Budget Oversight Committee detailing Customized Training grants is deleted. In addition, the summary reporting requirement of each grant agreement is deleted. The Administration is prepared to cooperate with the Legislature in providing the necessary information concerning the allocation of the additional \$10,000,000 in Customized Training grants from the Workforce Development Fund.

“DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL”

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85      Language incorporating the issue of pay equity into the Classification and Compensation study is eliminated. A study that reviews compensation packages for state employees is currently being undertaken and will address all appropriate issues.

“DEPARTMENT OF STATE”

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86      The appropriation of \$400,000 for Renovation Design at the State Library is deleted. Projects of this magnitude should not be amortized over the useful life of the facility.

87      The appropriation of \$250,000 for relocating State Archive documents is deleted. Funds for this relocation are not planned for expenditure next year and funding for this activity should be requested through the Capital Planning process in Fiscal Year 2000.

“DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION”

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89      The appropriation increase of \$886,000 to provide a cost of living raise for private motor vehicle agency staff is deleted. Language providing a 5% COLA increase to Motor Vehicle Agencies is also deleted. Motor Vehicle Agencies are compensated by a contract structured to improve productivity. Accordingly, it is premature to increase spending for the Motor Vehicle Agencies before savings alternatives are fully explored.

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- 91 Language specifying the number of traffic locations (10) that the Department must identify is deleted. The Administration is already conducting a study of these locations.
- 91 Language restricting the executive branch from implementing privatization initiatives is deleted. The Executive Branch will review privatization initiatives, and where cost effective, will consider the implementation of such initiatives.

**“INTERDEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS”**

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- 102 Language that allows for the additional appropriation of up to \$1,000,000 for costs attributable to the implementation of the Facilities Master Plan has been modified to eliminate the dollar reference. Due to uncertainty regarding implementation requirements of the Facilities Master Plan, the dollar reference should be deleted.
- 104 Language that requires the Sports and Exposition Authority to submit detailed reports and spending plans to the Legislature is deleted. The requirement for spending plan submittal to the Legislature already exists in the General Provisions. The Executive Branch will cooperate with the Legislature by reporting expenditures of the Sports and Exposition Authority consistent with the submission of periodic Departmental spending plans.
- 104 The \$1,500,000 appropriation for the Division of Fish and Game fringe benefits is deleted. The Hunters’ and Anglers’ Fund is a self-supporting dedicated fund that derives its revenue from hunting and fishing licenses. Expenses for salaries and associated fringe benefits must be paid from the non-state revenues received by this fund. Any additional costs incurred by the Fund should be funded through fee changes enacted in statute similar to legislation sponsored by Senator Littell and supported by hunting and fishing groups.
- 106 Language which permits the appropriation of additional funding for Data Processing is changed to provide more flexibility.
- 106 Language restricting the executive branch from implementing privatization initiatives is deleted. The Executive Branch will review privatization initiatives and, where cost effective, will consider the implementation of such initiatives.

**“THE JUDICIARY”**

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- 107 Funding for 50 new probation officer positions for a half-year (effective January 1, 1999). was included in the FY1999 budget as part of the proposed consolidation of child support services. Since this legislation has not yet been adopted, funding for these positions is not needed at this time
- 108 Language which would limit the Chief Justice’s determination as to how the retention of Court Reporters should be funded is eliminated. As a separate branch of government, the Judiciary should make this decision.

**“GRANTS-IN-AID”**

**“DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT”**

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- 109 The appropriation of \$500,000 for two International Market Development Centers, at NJIT and at Rowan University, is eliminated. These types of requests will be considered by the new Commerce Commission.

**“DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS”**

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- 111 Language which appropriates up to \$1,700,000 annually to reimburse the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority for debt service costs for the John J. Heldrich Center for workforce development at Rutgers University is modified. There is insufficient information at this time on the configuration of this project to make specific commitments. The funds provided will help establish this program without committing the State to a long-term obligation until more information is available.
- 112 The \$500,000 appropriation for the Highlands Borough - Fire House is reduced to \$250,000. Based on information provided to the Administration, \$250,000 is sufficient for this project at this time.

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- 112 The \$536,000 appropriation for various Atlantic Highlands Public Works Projects is eliminated. The Municipality should seek assistance through available funds from the Department of Transportation.
- 112 The \$9,000 appropriation for Carlstadt Borough -- Park Improvements to construct a gazebo is eliminated.
- 113 The \$100,000 appropriation for the First Occupational Center of New Jersey -- Headquarters Building Restoration is eliminated. This funding is for an administration building; the elimination of the appropriation will not result in a reduction of services.
- 115 The \$45,000 appropriation for the Urban Agriculture and Community Gardens Program for Trenton and Camden is eliminated. The Budget currently recommends funding for gardening programs in these two cities.
- 115 The \$5,000 appropriation for the Save the Children Coalition and Amani Church, Trenton is eliminated. Funds for programs like this are available from existing grant appropriations.
- 116 The \$1,500,000 appropriation for the Morris County Fire and Police Academy Life Safety Complex is eliminated since it duplicates a bill now on the Governor's desk which is currently under consideration.
- 116 The \$25,000 appropriation for Clean Ocean Action in Monmouth County is eliminated. This organization has fund raising capability that can fund this need.
- 116 The appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Fire House, Glen Gardner is reduced to \$300,000. Based on information provided to the Administration, \$300,000 appears to be sufficient for this project at this time.
- 118 The appropriation of \$420,000 for the Wyckoff Township Downtown Streetscape Beautification Project is reduced to \$250,000.
- 119 The appropriation of \$500,000 for the Wantage Library is reduced to \$100,000. Based on information provided to the Administration, \$100,000 is sufficient for this project at this time.

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- 119 Language related to the payment of county assistance contractual agreements has been modified to allow for flexibility.

“DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES”

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- 122 This \$92,000 appropriation for the Health Wellness Promotion Act Monitoring, UMDNJ is eliminated. UMDNJ should have sufficient funds within its base budget to support this initiative.
- 122 This \$5 million appropriation for the Coriell Institute for Medical Research-New Jersey Cord Blood Resource Center is eliminated since it duplicates bill A-1957 now on the Governor's desk, which is currently under consideration.
- 122 This \$300,000 appropriation for the Meridian Health System -- Pediatric Asthma Education and Resource Center is reduced to \$150,000. A program consolidated at one location rather than three should be able to be funded at this level.
- 123 The Charity Care Hospital Payments appropriation is reduced by \$20,000,000 related to the New Jersey KidCare program. There are sufficient balances in the Health Care Subsidy Fund to fully fund the program for FY 1999. While proceeding aggressively toward enrollment goals, original anticipated funding was in excess of need.
- 123 The \$1,000,000 appropriation for Southern New Jersey Emergency Medicine Center is retained for southern New Jersey programs, but references to a specific provider have been eliminated.
- 123 The \$1,000,000 appropriation for the Pediatric Trauma Program is retained or southern New Jersey programs, but references to a specific provider have been eliminated.
- 124 The \$1,000,000 appropriation for the Family Medicine/Preventive Medicine programs is retained for southern New Jersey programs, but references to a specific provider have been eliminated.

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- 124      The \$1,100,000 appropriation for the Northwest Covenant Health System is eliminated as it is outside of the formulas for charity care and hospital relief. Due to pending litigation, an appropriation would be inappropriate at this time.
- 126      Language limiting executive branch regulatory operations relative to Nursing Homes is deleted. The language impedes the ability of the executive branch to effectively manage and regulate nursing home costs.

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- 137      The language providing \$3.2 million for direct care staff working at non-profit community providers under contract with the Division of Mental Health and Developmentally Disabled has been modified to provide funds for all contracted direct care workers funded by the Human Services department.

**“DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY ”**

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- 138      Language appropriating funds to counties to operate new or existing juvenile boot camps is eliminated. County correctional programs fall under the jurisdiction of county government, which should provide funding for such programs.

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- 140      The appropriation of \$2,400,000 for the New Jersey Historical Society Relocation is reduced to \$1,200,000 to better reflect a reasonable share of the requested funds for fiscal 1999.
- 145      The appropriation \$250,000 of for the New Jersey Gateway Institute for Regional Development program at Kean University is reduced to \$125,000.
- 146      Language appropriating \$300,000 for an on-campus museum at Montclair State University is deleted. This is not part of the long term funding commitment for higher education, and this program was not included as part of the institution’s budget request for FY 1999.

**“DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY”**

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- 149      The appropriation of \$22,245,000 for Aid to Independent Colleges and Universities is reduced by \$1,000,000. This will provide a 4.9% increase compared to last year to this higher education sector.

**“STATE AID”**

**“DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS”**

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- 151      The appropriation of \$43,000,000 for the Legislative Initiative Municipal Block Grant Program is reduced by \$10,000,000. Money saved from this reduction will be used for recommendations made by the Governor’s Property Tax Study Commission for the purpose of providing property tax relief. The report of the Commission should be reviewed before the expansion of existing state aid programs is undertaken.

**“DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION”**

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- 154      The appropriation of \$1,900,000 for Wildwood School District -- Education Impact Aid is reduced by \$950,000. The remaining \$950,000 is in addition to the \$120,000 increase provided under CEIFA for school year 1998-99 over the district’s aid for the current year.
- 154      The appropriation of \$1,300,000 for the High Bridge Middle School Asbestos Abatement Program is reduced to \$500,000. Additional funds, as required, should be provided through the district’s capital outlay budget

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- 154 The appropriation of \$1,600,000 for the New Brunswick Health Sciences and Technology High School is reduced to \$500,000. The district is already scheduled to receive an increase of \$896,656 in CEIFA assistance for school year 1998-99. To the extent that additional funds are required for the Health Sciences and Technology High School, they should be allocated from the district's operating budget.
- 155 Language that prohibits the Commissioner of Education from auditing grants under \$25,000 awarded by the Department of Education is eliminated. This provision would preclude the Commissioner's discretion in determining that certain grants awarded by the Department of Education were being expended in a manner consistent with the intent of the grant award.
- 155 Language which changes the method of reimbursement for education programs in county detention centers from the enrollment as of October 15 of the pre-budget year to a per diem basis is eliminated. This language targeted the Sussex County Detention Center and would create uncertainty for both the Department of Education and the Sussex County Detention Center as to the appropriate funding level required for these programs.

**"DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION"**

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- 158 Language designating a portion of the Open Space - Local Match is eliminated. Flexibility is necessary to meet the goals of this program.

**"DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES"**

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- 159 The appropriation for Public Health Priority funding is reduced by \$500,000; this will still provide a 14% increase over last year's appropriation to this program.
- 159 Language which sets the capitation rate for Public Health Priority Funding is reduced from 50 cents to 40 cents to be consistent with the FY 1999 Appropriation.

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- 162 Language appropriating funds from the Work First Contingency Plan is deleted. The Work First NJ Contingency Fund was created to offset unanticipated caseload expenses and should not be used as an ongoing resource to offset spending cuts made to the Work First NJ program. This language has been modified to appropriately charge the General Fund to offset these reductions.

**"DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY"**

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- 162 A language provision that limited the flexibility of the Department to utilize funds from the Safe and Secure Communities Program is eliminated. All funding due to municipalities will be disbursed.

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- 162 The increase in appropriations for the Operation of the Newark Museum is \$700,000. Approval of this additional allocation represents a 35 percent increase in State support for the Museum.

**"CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION"**

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- 170 The appropriation of \$6,500,000 for Higher Education Supplementary Capital is deleted. The Higher Education institutions are working with the Administration to develop a comprehensive plan to meet capital construction needs.
- 170 Language allocating amounts from Higher Education Supplementary Capital amongst the senior institutions of higher education is deleted. Since the associated line item is vetoed there is no need for this language.

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**“DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION”**

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- 177      Language requiring the Department to contract for the repavement of Route 24 within six months and to complete the project within 12 months of the effective date of the fiscal 1999 Appropriations Act is deleted. Currently the Department is conducting preliminary engineering work on this project. However, since major structural repairs to the roadway will have to be completed prior to resurfacing, the deadlines imposed by this language are not achievable.
- 177      Language providing funding for an additional entrance ramp on the Atlantic City Expressway is deleted as this funding could be provided by the South Jersey Transportation Authority.

**“CASINO REVENUE FUND -- GRANTS-IN-AID”**

**“DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES”**

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- 198      Language increasing the Respite Care Income Cap is eliminated. Eliminating this cap will allow additional recipients to be enrolled in this program and thereby reduce the waiting list for this program.

**“GENERAL PROVISIONS”**

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- 251      Language requiring that a copy of agency and department budget requests for fiscal year 2000 shall be submitted to the Legislative Budget and Finance Officer by October 1, 1998 is deleted. The basic law governing budget requests (52:27B-13) requires that these budget requests be submitted to the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting only. The budget requests that ultimately are submitted to the Legislature are the requests of the Governor, not each individual agency head. The basic law governing submission to the Legislature is 52:27B-20 and requires the submission of the Governor’s budget recommendations to the Legislature on or before the third Tuesday following the meeting of the Legislature each year. This interim period provides the Governor and her staff time to review the agency head requests and to make recommendations. The existing process has worked well for many years and should not be changed.
- 254      Language prohibiting the withholding of appropriations made for distribution to municipalities and counties due to conflict with the State Development and Redevelopment Plan is deleted.
- 254      Language which allows the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting to make appropriations for specific projects if they do not receive funding prior to April 1, 1999 from bond funds is modified. The specific appropriation for Sea Bright Borough Sewer System Study and Rehabilitation for \$1,800,000 is reduced to \$1,000,000. This project is potentially eligible for funds through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust.

Respectfully,

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